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CMSgts. Bob Niswonger, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, left, and Bobby Boyd, 65th Communications Squadron, light the last of nine candles during an induction ceremony held March 20. The candles represent each of the nine enlisted ranks. Read more about their symbolism on Page 2.

Chiefs inducted

First-ever ceremony initiates new enlisted tradition at Lajes

SSgt. Rosaire Bushey
Editor

A new tradition was born at Lajes March 20 as wing E-9s, friends and family gathered for a chief's induction ceremony for the base's newest members of the service's top enlisted rank - Chiefs Bobby Boyd and Bob Niswonger.

The newest chiefs were treated to a formal affair at the club where they were honored by the wing's senior leaders in addition to being toasted and roasted by the wing's senior enlisted advisor, CMSgt. Dave Sutton and other wing chiefs.

The guest speaker for the first-time event was CMSgt. Elvin

Pearson, 8th Air Force senior enlisted advisor.

Sutton said of Boyd, the superintendent of the mission systems flight at the 65th Communications Squadron and Niswonger, the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron chief of construction management, that the two who were honored earned the right to join the chief master sergeant ranks.

"No one has given it (the rank) to them," Sutton said. "It is the result of loyal service to our nation, sacrifice from their families, their own distinctive accomplishments, and quite frankly, good old-fashioned hard work."

One of the evening's highlights included a candle lighting ceremony in which each of nine candles represented each of the enlisted ranks. Each candle as it was lit was identified as being symbolic of one of the things required of a chief.

The symbolic representation of each candle can be read on Page 2.

Daylight savings

The Azores will spring ahead one hour Sunday. Clocks will move forward at 1 a.m. that morning. The U.S. will follow in early April.

Dental services disrupted

Family member dental care during the months of May and June will be limited due to permanent change of station moves and summer replacements. For more information, call Ext. 23139.

Telethon kicks off

The 28th youth telethon fund raising event kicks off Saturday with the bike-a-thon. Squadrons and private organizations around base have been working to put together a schedule of events that include old favorites like the mini carnival, pie-in-the-face, 70's dance and lip sync along with new events such as the bench press-a-thon and F.A.T.S. tournament. It all culminates with the televised telethon May 2 from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Be a hero program

Services announces the be a hero spend time with your kids program sponsored by AT&T from April 1 through July 31 which centers on family togetherness. Families can win a reduced cost 4-night, 3-day vacation for taking part in family activities using services facilities. Winners will be picked weekly. A \$200 AT&T long distance voucher will also be given away.

Pick up a hero card, at participating services facilities and get a stamp every time you use a designated program with your children. Five stamps are needed to be entered in a weekly drawing. Drop hero cards in the box at services facilities. Call Ext. 23566.

FSC closed

The family support center will be closed April 3 for an official function. Call Ext. 24138 for more information.

**TEAM LAJES — PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST --
BOTH OUR VISITORS, AND OURSELVES**



Chief symbolism Continued from Page 1

The Air Force needs chiefs who...

- Cannot be bought, who's word is their bond
- Put character above wealth; who possess an opinion and a will
- Are larger than their vocations, and do not hesitate to make decisions
- Do not lose their individuality in a crowd, who are honest at all times, and in all things, great and small
- Will make no compromise with wrong and whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires
- Will not say they'll do it just because everyone else does, who are true to their friends in times both good and bad, in adversity and prosperity

• Don't believe shrewdness, cunningness and hardheadedness are the best qualities for success

• Are not ashamed to stand for the truth when it is unpopular, can say "no" with emphasis although all the world says "yes"

The light from these candles is symbolic of the aura you must display even when darkness and doubt trouble you. Even as these candles light the way for you, so you must open your heart and mind to light and inspire the way for those you come in contact with, not only those you supervise but also those who supervise you.

• The lighting of the ninth candle is symbolic of officially recognizing your induction to the grade of chief master sergeant.

police blotter

The police blotters are true incidents affecting members of the Lajes community for the period March 17 to 23.

DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

March 20 — On-base/secured. Person(s) unknown scratched the side a member's vehicle.

LARCENY

March 17 — Theft of private property/off-base/secured. Person(s) unknown stole the license plate from a member's vehicle.

March 19 — Theft of government property/on-base/secured. Person(s) unknown stole two ladders.

March 23 — Theft of private property/secured. Person(s) unknown stole the license plate from a member's vehicle.

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

March 20 — Major GOV/POV/off-base/no injuries. A member operating a GOV, was struck by a local national operating a POV. Damage to the GOV consisted of the entire front end being smashed. Damage to the POV consisted of disabling damage to the entire front end of the vehicle.

March 21 — Minor vehicle accident/off-base/no injuries. A member's parked vehicle was struck by a local national. Damage to the member's vehicle consisted of the driver and passenger side doors being dented. Damage to the PN's vehicle consisted of a dented front quarter panel.

March 23 — Minor vehicle accident/off-base/no injuries. A civilian driving a GOV was backing his vehicle, without a spotter, and struck a light cart. There was no damage to the GOV. Damage to the light cart consisted of a dent on one side. The civilian was cited for backing without a spotter and causing an accident.

Incident	March 17- 23	98 CYTD	97 Total
Assaults	0	2	14
Domestic assaults	0	1	4
Burglary	0	2	50
B&E/sheds	0	5	32
B&E/Govt. Bldgs.	0	16	38
Larceny	3	28	148
Vehicle Accidents	3	22	97
DUI	0	0	5
Vandalism	1	12	86

Lajes Team Player



SrA. Keith Jones

Unit - 65th Operations Support Squadron - Transient Alert Flight

DEROS - Jan. 12, 2000

How do you contribute to the Team

Lajes mission - By assuring all aircraft transiting Lajes receive the highest quality assistance from the moment they arrive to the moment they leave.

Like least about Lajes - The politicking that seems to go on.

Like most about Lajes - The variety of aircraft and cultures I have come in contact with while working transient alert.

Sorties

March 16-22

ACC - 0
DOD - 7

AMC - 22
ALLIED - 17

DUI

Last DUI - Sept. 15
Days without a
DUI - 193

The Next Strong Cajun is due
April 13



Service store moves items

MSgt. Rhonda Addis
65th Supply Squadron

The base service store will have several items moved out and into the main warehouse for stocking beginning April 6.

For customers this move means several items will be delivered.

To order these items, people can call the customer one stop at Ext. 23841 or stop by Bldg. T-608 to place an order.

Organizations with issue capability, should input issues using a routine document number - no priorities.

For more information, call Ext. 23855 or 23864.

Items to be moved and available for delivery:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Stock</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Toilet paper	8540-00-530-3770	Box
Paper towels		
“C” Fold	8540-00-291-0392	Box
Single Fold	8540-00-262-7178	Box
Copy paper legal	7530-00-181-7175	Box
Letter	7530-01-335-2623	Box
Trash Bags		
Small clear	8105-01-195-8730	Box
Large brown	8105-01-183-9769	Box
Award binders	7510-00-115-3250	Each
EPR folders	7510-00-584-2489	Box



Living facility playground

Photo/SrA. Sharon Hooper

Workers put down soil and level an area in front of the temporary living facility as they prepare to build a playground. The new playground will be a direct quality of life improvement for families with children living in the TLF. This summer Lajes is expected to receive a turn-around in personnel of more than 50 percent.

Women invited to take their kids to work Monday

The Federal Women's Program (FWP) is sponsoring a "Take Your Children to Work" day which will be held Monday afternoon. This program is designed to focus on the women's role in the workplace.

"Take Our Children to Work" is the only day of the year when children get the uninterrupted and positive attention of adults. This day is normally recognized in the United States in April, but the Lajes community will celebrate it early in conjunction with Women's History Month.

Some women work in areas where it would not be safe or conducive for children.

The FWP will have a list of women who are willing to "adopt" a child for the day.

Parents who work at home are encouraged to 'loan' their child to a working woman for the

afternoon.

The ground rules for this program are easy. Children (boys and girls) should be at least 8 years

of age, and they will be at the workplace from 3 to 5 p.m.

Women who want to "adopt" a child, and parents wanting to "loan" a child, should call TSgt.

Karen Ernst at Ext. 21187 or MSgt. Debra Huntley at Ext. 25240.

Last year's "Take Your Daughter at Work Day" was a huge success

and by popular demand the program was opened to boys this year. Anyone having questions or concerns can call Ext. 21187 or 25240.





action lines

The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Additionally, answers to anonymous inquiries will normally not be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.

Family support	23122
AAFES manager	23209
Commissary	26124
Hospital	23615

Civil engineer	26113
Housing	26251
Chaplain	23411
CE customer service desk	23335
Security police	26114
Telephone service desk	119
Supply squadron	23832
TMO inbound	25168
TMO outbound	24213
Personnel flight	23612
Services	21322/
beeper 169-1174	

Action Line 24240



Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, presents a plaque to Capt. Dwayne LaHaye, wing budget officer. LaHaye received the Air Combat Command Budget Officer of the Year Award.

Senior enlisted housing concerns

During a meeting last month with senior NCOs, we talked about equitable distribution for housing. I've seen quite a few folks come in at Right Start and a lot of junior enlisted people seem to be moving into housing right from lodging. It doesn't seem right that senior enlisted members are waiting so long.

Thanks for your call. I too am very concerned about the long waiting time our three and four bedroom requirement enlisted families are having to endure. The 65th Support Group is doing everything possible to keep these times to the absolute minimum. I investigated the current situation and found that the ratio between senior and junior enlisted housing appears right. Currently, the representation is 14 percent senior NCOs and 86 percent junior NCOs. The housing distribution for these grades is 13 percent and 87 percent respectively, showing equitable distribution.

We watch this data closely and when a change is warranted we will act, but we need to ensure we're not reacting to a short term situation. It's important to note that we will never have enough on-base housing and that off-base housing will always be scarce. Therefore, we included in our wing strategic plan a senior leadership challenge of "exploiting the off-base housing environment to its fullest potential." Off-base housing provides opportunities for our people to foster good

relations as part of the local community while complementing on-base housing resources. Housing is a major issue for wing leadership and we will continue to work it hard.

Car owner sees red

At about 3:35 p.m. one day I looked out my window to see to Portuguese military police officers checking out my car with a tape measure. I had been contacted by the 65th Security Forces Squadron regarding a hit and run investigation they were helping with. They told me they were directed to inspect all red cars. However, no one came to get me or tell me they were looking at my car.

It seems to me that if they want to look at my car for an investigation, they'd better come get me and let me be present for it. Don't I have any rights? What kind of policy is this?

I can assure you that Air Base No. 4 is doing nothing contrary to U.S. laws in inspecting your vehicle. U.S. Military Rules of Evidence state inspections may utilize any reasonable natural or technological aid *and may be conducted with or without notice to those inspected* (emphasis added)." Military Rule of Evidence 314 lists searches not requiring probable cause. One of these involves searches of government property.

"Government property may be searched under this rule unless the person to whom the property is issued or assigned has a reasonable expectation of privacy therein at the time of the search." The government of Portugal owns the land upon which all the parking lots on base are built. There is no expectation of privacy in a parking lot. Anyone is free to walk around in these parking lots and look at any of the cars parked therein. No law or rule was violated by this type of inspection, or search not requiring probable cause. U.S. security forces, together with the Portuguese Air Base No. 4 security forces, were simply doing their job in this case, in keeping with regulation and law.

Pleased with local hospital

My 9-month old daughter was admitted to the Angra Hospital recently and released several days later. She was treated fantastically.

The Angra Hospital wants very much to impress people at Lajes on their ability to provide world-class medical support. Obviously, they satisfied you and we're glad to hear your daughter is doing great.

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Ed's back with his look at the Azorean Islands. This week... Flores.

The island of Flores with a surface area of approximately 55 square miles is the westernmost point of the Azores and Europe.

Its discovery is not certain although it is known that it took place after the other seven islands had already been found. Some historians contend that Flores was sighted in 1452 by the Portuguese navigator Diogo de Teive and his son João. Initially called São Tomás or Santa Iria, the name was soon changed to Flores (literally flowers) due to the abundance of wild flowers that covered the island.

In 1471, Wilhem van der Haegen, a Flemish nobleman, initiated in the valley of Ribeira da Cruz the first attempt of settlement, but the island's remoteness and the lack of regular shipping connections that would allow the export of products, led him to abandon Flores and settle on the island of São Jorge.

Located far from the other islands and with few export products, Flores was almost isolated for centuries, a situation broken by rare visits of ships. The isolation did not prevent, however, the island from being sacked by an English fleet in 1587, nor did it prevent other pirates from attacking and pillaging it throughout the centuries.

People who had the opportunity to visit Flores say it is undoubtedly the prettiest of all the nine Azorean islands. In fact, the island of Flores is nature in all its exuberance, with deep valleys cut by streams, peaks and hills marking the horizon, breaking up the landscape, hydrangea flowers winding over the hills and waterfalls cascading down from the top of slopes toward the ocean.



Flores features seven lagoons set in volcanic basins surrounded by flowers. A curious geological wonder is the *Rocha dos Bordões*, a majestic cliff that was formed by the solidification of basaltic prisms that resemble a pile of sticks together. Near the base and at sea level are the "hot pits," small hollows filled with boiling sulfurous water.

The island's main town is called Santa Cruz das Flores. Other villages worth visiting either for historical or scenic reasons are Lajes; Ponta Delgada; Fajãzinha; Fazenda das Lajes and Cedros.

A commercial airport and a port currently serve the island of Flores, which have brought the much expected development to the island and contributed to the reduction of its isolation. From the island of Flores one can take a boat and visit the neighboring island of Corvo on the same day if weather conditions allow it.

Blue ribbon day

Military members allowed to wear blue ribbon

Marie Ramirez

Family advocacy outreach manager

It shouldn't hurt to be a child.

How many times have you heard this phrase in commercials or advertisements? Probably too many. This phrase refers to the problem of child abuse which is vast and crosses all racial, social, religious and gender lines. Its impact does affect each of us either directly or indirectly.

In 1995 more than 3 million children were reported for child abuse and neglect to child protective service agencies in the United States. Almost 1 million of these cases were substantiated as child maltreatment. Every day about three children die as a result of abuse and neglect. It is likely many of the cases of abuse go unreported. Parents who grew up with abuse may abuse their children because they are not aware of alternative parenting techniques or think abuse parenting is normal.

The rules of violence that are learned by the victims, become crucial to the perpetuation of violence from one generation to the next. For example, boys who witness violence are more likely to batter their partners as adults. Therefore, domestic violence can be a precursor for future domestic violence.

Childhood histories of abuse and neglect are commonly reported by many adult criminals, juvenile delinquents, teenage drug addicts and prostitutes. Adults who have experienced abuse often find it difficult to develop or maintain close relationships; experience

sometimes overwhelming or unmanageable feelings or sadness, fear and anger; depend on alcohol, drugs, or food to cover feelings of humiliation, shame and low self-esteem; and experience physical ailments, sexual problems and other signs of trauma.

It's estimated that for every \$3 we spend on prevention, we save at least \$6 which might have been spent on child welfare services, special education, medical care, foster care, counseling and housing for juvenile offenders.

I bet you're wondering why people are encouraged to wear a blue ribbon during the month of April. This tradition was started by a grandmother named Bonnie Finney or Norfolk, Va., who began her personal battle against child abuse after her grandson's death due to child abuse. She tied a symbolic blue ribbon the antennae of her van in an effort to increase awareness of child abuse.

Every year national organizations observe April as the month aimed at encouraging individual's and communities to support ongoing prevention efforts and increase child abuse awareness.

April 22 has been designated as Lajes Field Blue Ribbon Day and everyone is encouraged to wear a blue ribbon on their collar to symbolize your desire to see an end to child abuse and to acknowledge your awareness of this vast problem.

This event has been approved by the 65th Air Base Wing Commander and has been cleared through the legal office. Active-duty members may wear the ribbon on their uniform collar during this one-day event. Ribbons will be distributed to the schools and available to first sergeants. Wear your blue ribbon and show your support.





Saturday

Bike-a-thon, begins at 8 a.m.

Monday

Read-a-thon begins. Runs through April 25.

Wednesday

65th Communications Squadron 3-on-3 basketball tournament begins.

Thursday

65th CS 3-on-3 basketball tournament

April 3

- 65th CS 3-on-3 basketball tournament ends
- 65th Operations Support Squadron dance from 8 p.m. to midnight

April 4

- 65th Civil Engineer Squadron car wash and bake sale
- 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron softball tournament

April 5

629th AMSS softball tournament

April 7

65th Security Forces Squadron skate-a-thon begins at 3 p.m.

April 10

65th CS bowl-a-thon from 1 to 4 p.m.

April 11

- Organization for Latin Americans car wash and bake sale
- 65th Transportation Squadron pool tournament from 1 to 4 p.m.

April 13 - 15

65th Air Base Wing scavenger hunt

April 17

65th CS walk-a-thon from 1 to 4 p.m.

April 18

- 65th SFS flea market
- 65th Mission Support Squadron family bingo begins at 6 p.m.

April 20

65th SFS Firearm Training System tournament - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for adults, 3 to 5 p.m. for kids and from 5 to 8 p.m. open.

April 21

65th SFS FATS tournament - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for adults, 3 to 5 p.m. for kids and from 5 to 8 p.m. open.

April 22

65th SFS FATS tournament - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for adults, 3 to 5 p.m. for kids and from 5 to 8 p.m. open.

April 23

629th AMSS bench press-a-thon

April 24

65th Operations Support Squadron bowl-a-thon from noon to 3:30 p.m.

April 25

- 65th Medical Group and youth center mini carnival from noon to 4 p.m.
- 65th Services Division cow drop

April 29

65th SFS step-a-thon

April 30

65th MSS tee for two golf tournament starts at noon

May 1

- 65th CES pie-in-the-face at 3 p.m.
- 65th Supply Squadron lip sync contest at 6 p.m.

May 2

- 65th CS car wash and bake sale
 - **TELETHON - 6 p.m. to midnight**
- The telethon will be televised live on channel 8 courtesy of Armed Forces Network Detachment 6 and the time and effort of dozens of volunteers. The telethon includes as a highlight, a call-in auction.

May 9

Thank-a-thon from noon to 2 p.m. at the youth center



To be a
part of
the
LYP's
1998
telethon
events,
call one
of these
POCs

The following is a list of points of contact for various youth telethon events. People interested in participating in these events should call the unit points of contact.

Bike a thon	D. Gracey L. Denham	28755 21333
CS 3 on 3 Basketball	M. Kohlwes T. Hylton	22232 23215
OSS 70's Dance	L. Dow P. Campbell	23924 23924
CES Car wash/ bake sale	A. Bryant	24210
AMSS Softball tournament	K. Skates R. Peppersburg	23669 26544
SFS Skate-a-thon	K. Yarbrough K. Vieira	21324 23400
CS Bowl-a-thon	M. Kohlwes T. Hylton	22232 23215
TRANS Pool tournament	M. Dobbs K.C. Peterson	24137 26260
OLA Car wash/ Bake sale	M. Bautista	25212
ABW Scavenger hunt	R. Bushey	22369

CS Walk-a-thon	M. Kohlwes T. Hylton	22232 23215
SFS Flea market	K. Yarbrough K. Vieira	21324 23400
MSS Family bingo	J. Murphy	25143
SFS FATS tournament	T. Knickerbocker	26115
AMSS Bench press	K. Skates R. Pipersburg	26544 26544
OSS Bowl-a-thon	L. Dow B. Bryson	23924 26590
MG/LYP Mini carnival	K. Brinning	23464
SFS Step-a-thon	K. Yarbrough K. Vieira	21324 23400
MSS Golf tournament	T. Young	26106
CES Pie in the face	C. Jackson W. Suflick	26113 23791
SUPS Lip sync	T. Funderburg G. McEvoy	23832 28908
CS Car wash/ Bake sale	Kohlwes	22232
AFN/LYP Telethon	F. Mouro	23273



Air Force crew rescues aircraft crash victims

SSgt. Amy Hickey

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFNS)

— Returning from California on an airlift mission March 6, an Air Force C-130 crew found two men stranded in the snow-covered mountains of northern Nevada.

The discovery occurred after the crew responded to a radio call from Salt Lake Center, an air traffic control facility in Utah, requesting assistance in locating a civilian plane controllers suspected had gone down.

Center officials feared the single-engine Cessna had crashed because it was long overdue for arrival and its emergency locator transmitter, or ELT, had been activated.

"We get calls like these a lot. Usually, the aircraft is sitting on a runway somewhere, and the pilot accidentally set off the ELT. But I knew this one was for real when they said the plane was overdue," aircraft navigator Capt. Jeff Deneui said.

The C-130 crew, assigned to Air Mobility Command's 61st Airlift Squadron at Little Rock AFB, Ark., was flying back to base and changed course to try to find the downed plane.

"We searched over mountainous terrain about 120 miles north of Las Vegas," aircraft commander Capt. Scot Salminen said. "After about an hour, we found the spot emitting the strongest emergency signal."

Although the crew had narrowed the search area, they were still unable to locate the aircraft.

"It was hard to see anything because there was so much snow on the ground," said copilot Capt. Tim Moore. The aircraft circled the area several times, with the crew taking turns looking out the windows for the plane.

"Given the weather and terrain, I felt that if a plane had gone down, there most likely wouldn't be any survivors, and the plane would be in pretty rough shape. We didn't really know what to expect," said Salminen.

The crew was jolted when they received a radio transmission from a man yelling, "You found us. We're just off your left wing." The man was retired Maj. Raphael Mecham, a retired Marine Corps Reserve fighter pilot.

"He saw us circling above and immediately made radio contact to help us pinpoint exactly where he was," Moore said. "The first pass or two we didn't see him, but he would tell us that we had just flown directly over him."

It was a few minutes later when the C-130's loadmaster, MSgt. Jerry Palik, spotted the plane.

"Its nose was stuck in the snow, but there was no fire and it had not broken apart," Moore said. "The first thing we did was confirm whether the pilot and passenger were injured."

According to reports, Mecham was flying at 14,000 feet over Mount Wilson when his carburetor iced up. When he turned on the heater to try to de-ice it, the engine stopped. Luckily, he was able to locate an open area within the rugged terrain to put the plane down.

"I was on top near the mountains with no power and cloud cover below me," said Mecham from his home in Phoenix. "With my many years and thousands of hours of flying, it's amazing how emergency procedures go into automatic. I saw a clearing in the trees and brush and decided that was it." He impacted at a stall speed of about 80 mph.

The C-130 crew was amazed to learn that neither man had been hurt in the crash.

"They had been on the ground in sub-zero temperatures and heavy snow cover for about two hours," Moore added. "But they sounded okay."

Because of the extreme conditions, the crew decided to drop a parachute to provide shelter from the blustering wind and to make it easier for rescue crews to find the two men.

On the first drop attempt, the parachute landed out of reach of the men. The second drop was "right on the money," said Salminen.

A short time later, the crew directed a Marine C-130 to the location of the stranded men. The Marine plane dropped additional survival equipment, including a life raft with flares, an emergency radio and water, and anti-exposure suits to protect the men from the cold.

"It was about 25 degrees at the time," Mecham said. "Even though we weren't injured, it would have been a long night. We had no provisions or emergency rations. My passenger and I know we owe a great deal, and our lives, to the valiant efforts of those crews," Mecham said. "We were a needle in a haystack in those white-out conditions."

The Air Force crew also helped Lincoln County Sheriffs' Department officers find the crash site.

"We flew above a small country road to show them the best way into the area," Salminen said.

The Marine aircraft left after about an hour, and Salminen and his crew were forced to leave

two hours later because of a blizzard moving into the area.

"We felt all right about leaving because the ground team was only about 2 1/2 miles away, and we knew they would be rescued," Deneui said. "When we first got there they seemed a little worried. But after they received the gear, and we told them the rescue team was on its way, the Cessna pilot (Mecham) even made a comment like 'I don't think survival is an issue anymore.'"

"The Air Force stayed and stayed and stayed and would not give up," he said. "I can't tell you how impressed I was with the Air Force. To be on the ground and to see and feel the visibility and conditions ...they were pushing the envelope to help us. Bless their hearts... their mission was they were going to stay until the sheriff's department got to us."

It was about four hours later when members of the sheriffs' department finally rescued the two men. Police Sgt. John Wilcock credited the Air Force crew with helping to save the lives of the two men.

"They did a lot for the boys when they were on the ground," Wilcock said. "They were super. Without their help, we couldn't have pinpointed the location of the downed airplane."

Mecham said he was confident his signal would be picked up.

"There's a system in place that will respond," he said. "I knew the (Salt Lake Center) would alert any other aircraft in the area, which is exactly what they did. I just had a great deal of faith, and I never dreamed nor imagined that two military aircraft would be nearby."

Salminen said the whole search-and-rescue operation was amazing.

"I have been flying for seven years, supporting operations in Bosnia and Southwest Asia and many other places, and this was one of the most rewarding experiences of my career," said Salminen. "I think the entire crew feels the same."

Although Salminen recognizes the contributions his crew made toward rescuing the men, he credits the skills of the Cessna pilot for saving the men's lives.

"We were amazed that he was able to safely land, especially in such a hilly and wooded area," Salminen said speaking on behalf of his crew. "His experience as a Marine pilot definitely helped him take control of the situation and make a safe landing -- he didn't even hit a tree. It's just amazing." (Courtesy of AMC News Service)



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Sports briefs

Bike team's first race

The base cycling team will race for the first time Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Modelo to Cabo de Praia to Modelo race. The finish line is at Modelo at around 11:15 a.m. For more information, call SrA. Dean Gracey at Ext. 28755.

Race results

The first mountain bike race of the year was held recently at the Angra soccer stadium. Thirty-six cyclists competed in three age group categories. The winners are:

Elite Class - Second, Nuno Nugeiro, Puma operations; Third, Craig Reuter, 65th Operations Support Squadron; Fourth, Allen Grubbs, 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron; Fifth, Scott Kelley 65th Communications Squadron.

Over 30 Class - First, Dean Gracey, 65th OSS; Second, Dave Sawicki, 65th Services Division; Third, Francisco Meneses, 65th OSS; Fourth, Darryl Knowles, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Aerobics instructors needed

The base fitness center needs aerobics instructors. Qualified people should call the contracting office at Ext. 21401.

Aquaknights notes

- The Aquaknights of Atlantis will sponsor an Earth Day clean-up dive at Sao Mateus. All proceeds will benefit the youth telethon. For more information, call Ext. 23294 or 23327.

- The Aquaknights are sponsoring a camping trip April 24 to 26. For more information, call Ext. 23294 or 23327.

- There will be a general membership meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Bowling special

A Spring Break Bowling Special at Hillside Lanes will run from April 6 to 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All youth bowlers can play for 25 cents per game.

Golf tournament

The volunteer resource program will have a four-person select-shot golf tournament April 3 beginning at noon. The cost is \$10 per person. Call the family support center at Ext. 24138 to sign up or for more information.



Photo/SrA. Sharon Hooper

A contractor works in the downstairs DV locker room as part of fitness center renovations. The center's staff has moved equipment to different parts of the building so customers will not be without fitness equipment during the renovations.

Fitness center gets new look

TSgt. Patricia Collins
NCOIC, public affairs

The Chace Fitness Center is undergoing two renovation projects to give the gym a new look and to make it more comfortable for patrons.

The first project should be completed by April 30 and involves redoing the mens' and womens' locker rooms upstairs. Renovations include installing showers and new fixtures to make them comparable to the ones downstairs.

The other project, to redo the floor in the upstairs portion of the gym where the cardiovascular machines and free weights are located, is more involved and will be handled in three phases.

In phase one, contractors will remove half of the wood floor that was previously used as

a basketball court. They will then pour cement in that area.

In phase two, contracts will move the machines to where the concrete had been poured to allow them to work on others areas of the floor.

In the third and final phase, a rubber carpet will be laid over the entire room.

The second project will take several months to complete but fitness center officials said customers will not suffer from unavailability of equipment. Some items, however, been moved to make room for the renovation work.

"We ask for everyone's patience while we do these renovations," said Tony Batista, sports director. "These are being done because we want the best facility we can have."



TRADE WINDS

Saturday

Lunch: Hungarian goulash, roast turkey, pasta fagioli

Dinner: Creole spaghetti, spinach lasagna, yankee pot roast

Sunday

Lunch: Hamburger parmesan, grilled ham slice, baked and fried chicken

Dinner: Bratwurst, roast fresh ham, turkey spinach delight

Monday

Lunch: Peixe assado, meatloaf, curried chicken with brown rice

Dinner: Turkey curry, jaegerschnitzel, healthy heart chili macaroni

Tuesday

Lunch: Spaghetti, chicken alcatra, gingered pepper steak

Dinner: Sukiyaki, szechwan chicken, manicotti

Wednesday

Lunch: Oriental steak, salsicha a espanol, hot and spicy chicken

Dinner: Barbecue beef cubes, oven fried fish, broccoli and turkey casserole

Thursday

Lunch: Pimentoes rocheados, roast fresh ham, spaghetti with tomato sauce

Dinner: Salisbury steak, roast turkey, herbed baked spinach

March 20

Lunch: Yakisoba, rojes, baked and fried chicken

Dinner: Swedish meatballs, baked garlic fish, vegetable stuffed peppers

(Note: Menu subject to change without notice.

Daily hotline menu:

Ext. 24248.)

Briefs

Position open

City Colleges of Chicago is accepting applications for the following part-time positions: field representative and test administrator.

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and one to three years of general work experience, preferably in an education environment. Applications can be picked up from the CCC office in Bldg. T-426 and will be accepted until April 10. For more information call, Pat Conley at Ext. 23375.

Orphanage party

The officers wives club will have a party at

the Maria Gorretti Orphanage Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to attend and should meet at the club parking lot at 1 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to provide baked goods, paper products, candy or drink.

People who can help should call Linda Mills at Ext. 542729.

Provider luncheon

The 65th Logistics Group will sponsor a professional provider of the year luncheon Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the

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Call Ext. 22369



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- 1991 Plymouth Laser RS, 57,000 miles, 5,000 on new engine. Two-door, 5-speed manual transmission. Must sell PCSing to Japan, \$5,800 OBO. Call Ext. 26131 or 21230.

- 1994 Gilera Scooter, excellent reliable transportation around the island. 49CC, good condition, \$700 OBO. Call Tony at Ext. 23576 or 28027

- **FREE** to a good home, 9-month old puppy. He has been neutered and is potty and kennel trained. Great with kids and comes with some extras. Call Ext. 28972.

- Two CD computer games "The Dig" and "Shadows of Darkness". Will sell for \$15 each. Still have original boxes and tech support. Call Ext. 28860.

- Cottage - H-200B, four or five bedroom, one bathroom, living room, kitchen, utility room and fenced yard. Propane space heater and flash hot water heater. Convenient to youth center and schools, fresh paint and numerous improvements. Asking \$5,500. Call Kevin Kriesel at Ext. 23231 or 28312.

- For sale. 1989 Ford Festiva (red), 50,000 miles, available April 30, \$3,000 or best offer. Call Capt. LaHaye at Ext. 26237 or at off-base Ext. 542199.

- Cottage H-149. 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, open spacious dining/living area with fireplace. Vaulted ceilings throughout, large kitchen island & Lots of storage space. Large enclosed yard plus many extras. \$13,000 call Rob or Valerie at 28450.

- For sale. 1987 Oldsmobile Firenza. One-owner, runs great, 102,000 miles, \$1,200. Call

Ext. 28473.

- H-101 Santa Rita Hill. Single unit, well maintained; 2 large bedrooms, 1 bath, many windows with gorgeous views; separate dining room, lots of storage space; remodeled living room with view of base and ocean, stone fireplace; enormous yard with patio and built-in barbecue; off-street parking; dishwasher, ceiling fans, security system, and brand new flash heater included, \$13,500. Call Ext. 28500 or 26532.

- Cottage H-149. Four bedrooms, 1 bath, open spacious dining/living area with fireplace. Vaulted ceilings throughout, large kitchen island and lots of storage space. Large enclosed yard plus many extras, \$13,000. Call Ext. 28450.

- KHS - 21 speed, mountain bike, 19" chromo frame, light weight, LXV-brakes and components, Rock Shox, team colors - \$600. Also GT- 21 speed mountain bike, 19" chromoly frame, blue, great for beginner. \$300. Call Ext. 28755.

- Cottage - H-157. Has 1,600 square feet, 4-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, sunroom/playroom, separate utility room, detached garage, walk in closet, lots of storage, huge windows in living room and dining room overlooking fabulous view, large walled in yard, fireplace, ceiling fans, new floors and bathrooms. Includes carpets, some furniture, 3 dehumidifiers. \$20,000. Will owner finance. Call Bernie or Karen Ray at Ext. 27923 or 26741.

- 1991 black Hyundai Scoupe with 80,865 miles. Asking \$2,500 OBO. Call Ext. 23312 or 28379 after 5 p.m.



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club. Guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Dennis Haines, Air Combat Command Director of Logistics.

The cost is \$7 and tickets are available through SMSgt. Franklin Smith at Ext. 21177. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday.

Optometry services

The 65th Medical Group will have limited optometry services through April 5. For more information, call Ext. 23554.

Spring bake sale

The 65th Civil Engineer Squadron is sponsoring a Spring bake sale and Top 4 car wash at the commissary Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lifeguards needed

Outdoor recreation is looking for lifeguards. For more information, call ODR at Ext. 24140.

School positions

Lajes Elementary and High Schools are accepting applications for two secretarial positions. The elementary position will be available in June and the high school position will be available in May.

Information packets are available at both

schools. Completed packages need to be received in the Italy personnel office by April 16. For more information, call Ext. 23491 or 24151.

Food drive

The Tri-Service Top Three is sponsoring a food drive at the commissary Saturday. Non-perishable food items are needed to help American and Portuguese families.

Volunteers needed

The youth and community centers need volunteers to help set up and work the base-wide egg hunt for the children of the Lajes Community April 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are asked to sign up by April 7. For more information, call Ext. 23273. The egg hunt will take place at the elementary school grounds and people will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny.

Housing self help moves

The housing self help store has moved to Bldg. T-561. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on weekdays. For more information, call Ext. 23794.

UMD advisor

The University of Maryland academic advisor will be on the island April 22 through 24 to evaluate students. People interested in having their credits evaluated should call Ext. 24187 to schedule an appointment. The deadline for scheduling appointments is April 13.

Due-outs to be canceled

Attention base supply equipment custodians - Effective May 1, all unfunded, memo due-outs for JBB/JBH (local purchase) NF1 items will be canceled. Custodians have until May 1 to firm up any due-outs loaded in the supply system. No new due-outs will be established. Call customer one stop at Ext. 23841 to cancel due outs which are no longer required or to provide a letter of funds availability signed by your resource advisor to firm up items. For more information, call Ext. 23855 or 23841.

Tax tip

Social security numbers must be correct

1st Lt. Dane McKenzie
Base tax advisor

If either the name or social security number on your tax form does not agree with your social security card, your refund may be delayed or you may not receive credit for your social security earnings.

If your W-2, Form 1099, or other tax document shows an incorrect SSN or name, notify the form-issuing agent/office. If the name or number on your social security card is incorrect, call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.

When filing your return, be sure to use the name and social security number on your SS card or the IRS may reject your return or delay your refund. If you were married during 1997 and failed to change your name on your SS card, you may still file a joint return using your maiden name.

For more information, call the tax center at Ext. 22420 or 22421.

Smooth move seminar

There will be a smooth move seminar for people leaving Lajes Wednesday at the community center beginning at 9 a.m. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Items covered include car shipment, housing, finance, legal and household goods. For more information, call TSgt. Ken Davis at Ext. 26158 or Larry Davis at Ext. 24146.

Community center notes

- Youth and adult drama classes start April 23. Sign up by April 22.
- The center needs instructors to teach 2-step and other country dances.
- Tuna do Raminho, an Azorean guitar group, will play April 22 in the center's ballroom. **For information on CC events, call Ext. 24135.**

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Tip of the Week

Courtesy - Lajes First Sergeant's Council

Like to walk to a musical beat? Great, but headphones are not authorized in uniform unless it's authorized in your military duties.

Stay safe, stay happy, and most of all stay in standards. Remember, you represent us all.

Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m. -

Lutheran

Sunday — 9 a.m.

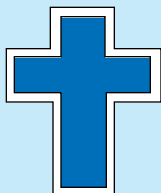
Evangelical service

Noon Gospel service

Catholic schedule

Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Mass



Thought for the Week

*And you shall know the truth
and the truth shall make you
free."*

John 8:32

Youth center thanks volunteers

The youth center staff would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped at the basketball and cheerleading closing ceremony. Your thoughtfulness and hard work is deeply appreciated. Thank you for coming out and making the day a great success. Volunteers have a heart of gold.



Movies

All show times are at 7 p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)



Saturday

Fallen
R (V•L)
125 min

• Denzel Washington and Donald Sutherland. A police detective thinks his troubles are over with the execution of a killer he helped convict. But when people start taunting him with things only the killer knows, he realizes he's onto something much bigger. An evil, supernatural force loose in the world.

Sunday

Fallen
R (V•L)
125 min

• See Saturday for details.

Monday

Hard Rain
R (V)
98 min

• Christian Slater and Morgan Freeman. Torrential rains force the people of Huntingburg to evacuate. An armored car breaks down and the call for help brings about a suspicious crew.

Tuesday

The Boxer
R (L•V)
112 min

• Daniel Day-Lewis and Emily Watson. A once-promising fighter returns home after 13 years in a British prison.

Wednesday

Deep Rising
R (V)
100 min

• Treat Williams and Famke Janssen. After computer programs on the luxury cruise ship Argonautica are deliberately erased, smugglers rush in ready to loot the ship. Instead they discover, the ship has been struck by something big causing destruction and death.

Thursday

The Boxer
R (L•V)
112 min

• See Tuesday for details.

April 3

Deep Rising
R (V)
100 min

• See Wednesday for details.

SATURDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Unsolved Mysteries
0200 NBA basketball Houston at Orlando
0430 America's Funniest Videos
0500 Headline News
0530 ABC World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Puzzle Place
0730 Magic School Bus
0800 Brand Spanking New Doug
0830 Sylvester and Tweety
0900 AAaH! Real Monsters
0930 Bone Chillers
1000 New Explorers
1100 Hometime
1130 USAREUR Today
1200 Headline News
1230 Navy/Marine Corps News
1300 ISKA Karate
1400 ESPN Boxing
1600 WWF Superstars
1700 The Entertainers
1800 Headline News
1830 ESPNNews
1900 Married With Children
1930 Everybody Loves Raymond
2000 The Final Four Show
2130 NCAA National Semifinals

SUNDAY

0330 Hour of Power
0430 Center Street
0500 Coral Ridge
0530 Creflo Dollar
0600 Nightmare Ned
0630 Shakespeare: Animated Theater
0700 Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman
0800 Nightmare Ned
0830 Shakespeare: Animated Theater
0900 Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman
1000 National Geographic Explorer
1100 Unsolved Mysteries
1200 Headline News
1230 Air Force TV News
1300 The Entertainers
1400 NHL Hockey - Detroit at St. Louis
1700 JAG
1800 Headline News
1830 ESPNNews
1900 Wall Street Journal Report
1930 Computer Chronicles
2000 NASCAR Food City 500
2330 Headline News

MONDAY

0000 MLS Soccer - New England at DC United
0200 Headline News
0230 America's Black Forum
0300 Showtime at the Apollo
0400 Friday Night
0500 Meet the Press
0600 Headline News
0630 CNN/SI
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Busy World of Richard Scary
0830 Kiana Flex Appeal
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Unsolved Mysteries
1400 Today
1600 Power Rangers ZEO
1630 Hidden Temple
1700 Jeopardy!
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8

0830 Kiana Flex Appeal
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel of Fortune
1300 Unsolved Mysteries
1400 Today
1600 Captain Planet
1630 Secret World of Alex Mack
1700 Jeopardy
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 Navy Marine Corps News
1900 60 Minutes
2000 Ellen
2030 Frasier
2100 New York Undercover
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Showbiz Today
2300 The Last Emporer

TUESDAY

0200 NCAA Men's Championship
0430 NBC Nightly News
0500 Sesame Street
0600 Fraggle Rock
0630 Fitness Beach
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Fraggle Rock
0830 Fitness Beach
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Unsolved Mysteries
1400 Today
1600 Eerie, Indiana
1630 Nick News
1700 Jeopardy
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 Showbiz Today
1900 Friends
1930 Seinfeld
2000 Just Shoot Me
2030 Boston Common
2100 ER
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

WEDNESDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Unsolved Mysteries
0200 Major League Baseball - Teams TBA
0500 Headline News
0530 ABC World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Sesame Street Special
0830 Kiana Flex Appeal
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Unsolved Mysteries
1400 Today
1600 Global Guts
1630 Space Cases
1700 Jeopardy!
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 CNN Showbiz Today
1900 Nick Freno
1930 Simpsons
2000 Star Trek Deep Space Nine
2100 X-Files
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

1830 CNN Showbiz Today
1900 Sister, Sister
1930 Home Improvement
2000 Beverly Hills 90210
2100 Melrose Place
2200 Headlines News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

THURSDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Unsolved Mysteries
0200 Headline News
0230 Major League Baseball - Teams TBA
0530 ABC World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Fraggle Rock
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0900 Oprah Winfrey
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2030 Boston Common
2100 ER
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

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0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Lost in Yonkers
0300 Maxie
0500 Headline News
0530 ABC World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Sesame Street Special
0830 Kiana Flex Appeal
0900 Oprah Winfrey
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